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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMCONSUL TABRIZ

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MISSISSIPPI STATE IOGA TRADE MISSION

REF: LO FAM 973

1. GOVERNOR WILLIAM WALLER OF MISSISSIPPI PLANS LEAD IOGA TRADE MISSION TO KUWAIT AND IRAN APRIL 11-27, 1975. MISSION WOULD BE COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 15 TO 20 INDIVIDUALS; INCLUDES GOVERNOR, 4 TO 5 PEOPLE (3 STATE OFFICIALS) IN THE GOVERNOR'S PARTY, 12 TO 15 BUSINESSMEN MEMBERS, NO WIVES.

2. PROPOSED ITINERARY AND SCHEDULING: GOVERNOR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSION MEMBERS WOULD ARRIVE KUWAIT APRIL 11; APRIL 12,

13, 14, WORKING DAYS IN KUWAIT; ARRIVE TEHRAN EARLY A.M.  
APRIL 15. TO AVOID DIRECT CONFLICT IN TEHRAN WITH  
U.S. SPECIALIZED SHIPBUILDING AND PORT MANAGEMENT MISSION  
MISSISSIPPI MISSION PROPOSES EMBASSY BRIEFING APRIL 15  
FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO  
APPROPRIATE CITIES OUTSIDE TEHRAN; E.G., POSSIBLY SHARIZ,  
TABRIZ, ETC., RETURNING TO TEHRAN ON OR ABOUT APRIL 20  
THRU 27. THE OFFICIAL PORTION OF THE MISSION ITINERARY  
WOULD END IN TEHRAN. THE GOVERNOR AND HIS PARTY WOULD  
PROCEED TO BEIRUT FOR WEEKEND REST BEFORE TRAVEILING TO  
BRUSSELS TO OPEN THE MISSISSIPPI BRUSSELS OFFICE.  
SMALL GROUPS OF MISSION MEMBERS PLAN UNOFFICIAL, IN-  
FORMAL VISITS TO IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA AT CONCLUSION  
OF MISSION. ITINERARIES FOR THESE VISITS WILL BE  
WORKED OUT AND POSTS NOTIFIED ASAP.

3. ADVANCE TEAM CONSISTING OF MISSISSIPPI STATE REPR.  
LOCATED BRUSSELS AND DON RYAN, CAGNE, USDOC, WOULD PLAN  
ADVANCE MISSION BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT MARCH 24 IN  
KUWAIT. SPECIFIC ITINERARY AND FLIGHT SCHEDULES  
FOLLOW SOONEST. ADVANCE TEAM WOULD VISIT KUWAIT AND  
IRAN ONLY.

4. PROPOSED MISSION EXPECTS INCLUDE AMONG OTHERS:

THREE MANUFACTURERS OF COLD STORAGE PLANTS WHO ALREADY  
CURRENTLY SELLING IN/OR BIDDING ON IRANIAN PROJECTS;  
MACK TRUCK DISTRIBUTOR (HAS ALREADY SOLD 50 MACK  
TRUCKS TO IRAN); FORD DISTRIBUTOR (HAS SOLD 500 FORD  
TRUCKS TO IRAN); LARGEST EGG PRODUCER IN THE WORLD (HAS  
CONTRACT TO DELIVER 90 TRUCK LOADS OF FRESH EGGS A MONTH  
TO IRAN, INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING EGG INDUSTRY IN IRAN.  
USDOC EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE POSTS FINAL AND  
DETAILED LIST OF MISSION MEMBERS MARCH 7 LATEST. INFO  
SHEETS AND CATALOGS WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO POSTS PRIOR  
TO ETA OF ADVANCE TEAM. EXACT NUMBER OF STOPS AND  
SPECIFIC CITIES TO BE VISITED IN IRAN CANNOT BE  
DETERMINED UNTIL FINAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS HAS BEEN  
RECEIVED. ADVANCE TEAM MUST DEPEND UPON POST'S  
GUIDANCE AS TO APPROPRIATE ITINERARY AND SCHEDULING  
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FOR THESE VISITS.

5. BONNER TRAVEL SERVICE, JACKSON, MISS., IS REQUESTING  
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, ALL SINGLES FOR GROUP IN KUWAIT  
AND IRAN. COMMERCE WILL ADVISE POSTS OF SAME AS SOON  
AS CONFIRMATION RECEIVED.

6. USDOC REGRETS EXTREME SHORT NOTIFICATION AND LEAD

TIME. HOWEVER, THIS ONLY AVAILABLE TIME FRAME IN GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE AND HE MOST ANXIOUS TO LEAD MISSION. ADDITIONALLY, THOSE INDIVIDUAL FIRMS ALREADY IN SOME STAGE NEGOTIATIONS, FEEL THEY MUST FOLLOW THROUGH SOONEST.

7. FYI, STATE, COMMERCE AWARE OF ACUTE HOTEL PROBLEM IN AREA. MISSION WARNED THAT FEASIBILITY VISIT DEPENDS ON SUCCESS OF THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ROOMS. MISSION ALSO ACCEPTS RISK ADVANCE MAN/EMBASSY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE OPTIMAL ARRANGEMENTS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. KISSINGER

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